State of Rhode Island Department of Health Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline





IN THE MATTER OF:

Paul Mann, MD

License No.: MD 07813 Case No.: C200877

CONSENT ORDER

Paul Mann, MD ("Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") has reviewed and investigated the above-referenced complaint pertaining to Respondent through its Investigative Committee. The Board makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since July 3, 1990.
- 2. Respondent graduated from New Jersey Medical School on May 25, 1983.
- 3. The Board opened the instant complaint against Respondent following a routine audit of Respondent's compliance with the continuing medical education ("CME") requirements set forth in Section 1.5.5(A) of the rules and regulations for Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-40-05-1) ("Regulations"), which provides in relevant part that "[e]very physician licensed to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine in Rhode Island . . . shall on or before the first (1st) day of June in every even-numbered year, on a biennial basis, earn a minimum

of forty (40) hours of AMA PRA Category 1 CreditTM/AOA Category 1a continuing medical education credits and shall document this to the Board."

- 4. Pursuant to the audit, the Board sent Respondent multiple communications, via First Class and Certified mail and via email, seeking from Respondent proof of compliance with Section 1.5.5(A) of the Regulations.
- 5. Ultimately, after Respondent failed to respond to the repeated communications of the Board, the Board subpoenaed Respondent to appear before the Investigative Committee in this matter.
- Respondent appeared before the Investigative Committee on May 19, 2021, at which time Respondent admitted to the Investigative Committee that he did not satisfy the requirements of Section 1.5.5(A) of the Regulations and that, as he had retired, he had no intention of satisfying the requirements. Respondent further acknowledged receipt of the multiple communications from the Board and that he had chosen not to reply until he was subpoenaed.
- 7. Based on the foregoing, the Investigative Committee determined that Respondent failed to satisfy the CME requirements set forth in Section 1.5.5(A) of the Regulations and, therefore, that Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(24), which defines "unprofessional conduct" as including "[v]iolating any provision or provisions of [R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37] or the rules and regulations of the board or any rules or regulations promulgated by the director or of an action, stipulation, or agreement of the board."

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- 2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.

- 3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
- a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
- b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
- c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
- d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
- e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
- f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
- g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review; and
- h. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") public website.
- 4. Respondent agrees to pay, within 5 days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1100.00 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint. Such payment shall be made by certified check, made payable to "Rhode Island General Treasurer," and sent to Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908, Attn: Jessica DeSanto. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.
- 5. Respondent hereby agrees to surrender his physician license and not apply for reinstatement without completing required CME and proving clinical competence.
- 6. If Respondent violates any term of this Consent Order after it is signed and accepted, the Director of RIDOH ("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action,

including immediate suspension of Respondent's medical license. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline an administrative hearing. The Director shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 21 st day of September, 2021.

Paul Mann, MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 13th day of Och bec, 2021.

Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH

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